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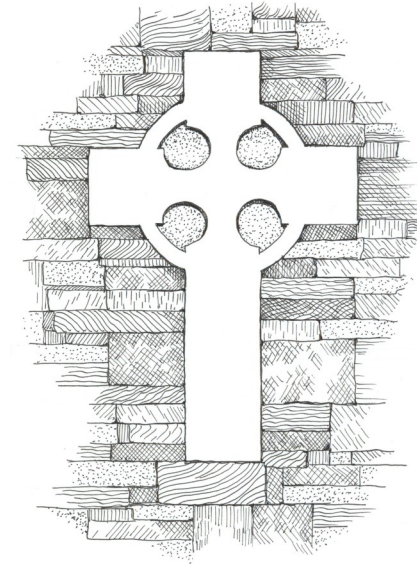
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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The deacons are elected by the congregation to care for the material needs of church members, promote generosity, and oversee the church facility. They also extend the love and generosity of Christ to those outside the church. Please contact them if you or someone you are concerned about has a physical or material need.

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CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 31, 2022 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-6

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
And extol him with music and song.

**Everyone: For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In his hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

TEXT & MUSIC: Brian Doerksen, 1998

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Hosanna

TEXT & MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown, 2006

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You. We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come, have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

For women of all ages

2 Kings

Gloria Edwards Room

Join us as we look at the exciting life of Elisha. We will see how God called him to serve and how God used him in the Old Testament.

Church Membership

We have an Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class meets, as needed, in the Bell Tower (or in Room 3 when we have a big group) during Sunday School. Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes if you would like to attend.

Women for Christ

The CCPC Women's Committee was developed to serve the women in our church body based on Romans 12:2. We are excited about the direction the Lord is taking our committee, and we are committed to teaching women to be transformed by the renewing of their minds through the Scripture, so that the women of our church will be able to test and approve God's good, pleasing and perfect will. Our desire is that every woman at CCPC has an opportunity to serve and connect. We are focused on outreach, prayer, mercy ministry and spiritual growth. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas of service to our church family, please contact Tina @ 256-347-3593 or Diane @ 256-709-2642.

Church Directory Updates

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. Download the Instant Church Directory app from the App Store on your device. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Jonathan Haynes know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email, and text right from the app. More information can be found at www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app.

Classes & Other Information

Children's Summer Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. Below you will find a class list and room numbers. These grades are based on the grade your child just completed. Only those who just completed 6th grade will go ahead and promote up to the youth house for Sunday School. All others will be promoted on Sunday, August 14th. If your child is 2nd grade or younger please walk them to their classroom (for the first few Sundays) and promptly pick them up following Sunday school. The 3rd - 5th grades will be dismissed following Sunday school. The classes will meet in the following rooms:

Preschool 3	Room 14
Preschool 4	Room 15
Kindergarten	Room 6
1st-2nd Grades	Room 8
3rd- 5th Grades	Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

Introduction to Apologetics Jonathan Knappenberger The Hill (Big Room)

Apologetics is the development and implementation of reasoned arguments for the truth found in Scripture. Many youth will graduate and go to college where their beliefs will be challenged. This summer the youth will be introduced to apologetics and form reasoned arguments to support truth. This class will be taught through a series of lectures followed by breakout groups to practice what they are being taught.

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School

For men and women Various Teachers Sanctuary

Join us for this year's Summer session of combined adult Sunday school! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall each week, and the line-up of topics include: A History of the PCA, The Solas of the Reformation, The Theology of Suffering, and A Journey Through "Gentle and Lowly". Here's a tentative schedule:

July 31 - **The Theology of Suffering** - Chris Dotson

August 7 - **Gentle and Lowly** - Derek Rakestraw

August 14 - **Gentle and Lowly** - Derek Rakestraw

August 21 - **Gentle and Lowly** - Derek Rakestraw

August 28 - **Gentle and Lowly** - Derek Rakestraw

September 4 - **A History of the PCA** - Jonathan Haynes

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new. You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

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INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgiving Father, Your Son came as the gentle King of Glory.

He rode a donkey not a war horse.

He humbled himself in order to bring us peace with You.

We confess our own lack of humility.

Forgive us for the lack of gentleness in our lives.

Our harsh words have stirred up strife and dissension.

Our angry tempers have hurt those we love.

Long ago the crowd with incessant hosannas greeted our Savior,

but how quickly they mocked as he went lonely to the cross.

Forgive us for the ways that we too have welcomed Him only in words,
but have resisted His kingship.

May Your Son not find in our hearts another place of crucifixion,

but a place of love, loyalty, and devotion fit for such a gentle and humble King.

Mold us into the gentle ways of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

My God, To Thee I Call

WORDS: Anne Steele, 1760 MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2014

My God, to thee I call, Must I forever mourn?
So far from thee, my life, my all—O when wilt thou return?

Dear Source of all my joys, And solace of my care;
O wilt thou hear my plaintive voice, And grant my humble prayer!

Sermon Notes

*Then if my troubles rise, To thee, my God, I'll flee,
And raise my hopes above the skies, And cast my cares on thee.*

Dark as the shades of night My gloomy sorrows rise,
And hide my soul-reviving light From these desiring eyes.

*Then if my troubles rise, To thee, my God, I'll flee,
And raise my hopes above the skies, And cast my cares on thee.*

These envious clouds remove, Thy cheering light restore;
Confirm my interest in thy love Till I can doubt no more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:1-6

SERMON

“Restored”

COMMUNION SONG

You Are My King

TEXT & MUSIC: Billy Foote, 1996

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned,
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be,
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You; in all I do I honor You.*

You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Tobi and Hanna Daum work with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in their native Germany. Tobi was part of Christ Covenant when his family lived in Cullman. Christ Covenant is the principal support church for his work in Germany. They focus on ministry to families through Bible studies and conferences. Tobi is also a counselor, working with individuals and couples where they live in Hainichin, Germany. The Daums have four children, Amy, Noah, Salome, and Emma. The update below is from an email sent on July 20th.

We are still sending out one semi truck a month to Ukraine, and right now we are in the search of tools to send there.

There is much help needed and they need tools to rebuild.

I have heard of MTW and I will see what they are doing close by, maybe we can connect. [Editor note: I had asked Tobias if he had heard about the Crates for Ukraine effort by MTW to get supplies into Ukraine.]

We have a lot of support from the community with sending out the loads to Ukraine, which is very nice, it would be hard to fill the semi with only a handful of people.

Right now Amy, our oldest, is doing a missions outreach to Poland and then today they will leave from Poland to go for another week to Romania to help with the refugees, it is exciting to see her interest in missions but also a little scary to know she is so close to the war-border.

Please also keep her in your prayers if possible, she has expressed a few times that she feels God is calling her into missions.

So we will keep sending and I will keep counseling and searching for what God has in store for us and how to continue onward.

Thank you for everything you are doing for us.

Be blessed from Germany

Tobias and Family

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?
People: **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in the estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?
People: **Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.**

Shorter Catechism Q. 23 & 26

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Glory Be To God The Father

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1866 MUSIC: Blake Mundell, 2012

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah three in One.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory while eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain.
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the Lamb who once was slain.

Glory to the King of Angels, Glory to the Church's King.
Glory to the King of nations, Heaven and earth your praises bring.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the King of nations bring.

“Glory, blessing, praise eternal,” Thus the choir of angels sings;
“Honor, riches, power, dominion,” Thus its praise creation brings.
Singing glory, Singing glory, Glory, glory to the King of kings.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in England in 1647. It is the doctrinal confession of many Reformed churches, including our own.

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Monday
8:00 a.m. Youth Group departs for Ridge Haven
Wednesday
5:30-6:30 p.m. Communicant's Class
Friday
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
Saturday
3:00 p.m. Youth Group returns from Ridge Haven
Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Summer Fellowships

Sunday, August 14th—End of Summer Bash @ CWAC 6pm-8pm. Pizza/drinks/dessert will be served. Please park at the back entrance near the pool. We will not have access to the new park, but we do have full access to the previous Wild Water park.
Wednesday, September 7th—Covenant Kids and Covenant Group Kick Off @ Loft 212 6:15 pm. Dinner will be served.
If you have any questions, please email or text Holly Powell (205.515.1636 or zebandholly@yahoo.com)

Upcoming Youth Events

Ridge Haven Mission Trip - August 1st-6th
Trash Pandas Game - September 18th
To stay up to date with all youth happenings join the CCPC Youth Remind. To join text Jonathan Knappenberger @ 256-339-7406 and you will be added to the list.

Officer Nominations in August

Nominations for elders and deacons will be received for three weeks in August. Pamphlets that provide the Standards for Officers and an explanation of the Nomination & Election Process are available in the Narthex. Please take time to carefully review this information and prayerfully consider those that you would like to nominate to serve as officers for Christ Covenant.

Sign Up For Covenant Groups

Following the Kick Off event on Sept. 7th, Covenant Groups will start on Sept. 14th. Take a moment to fill out a Covenant Group sign up card and drop it in the offering plate or leave it on the table in the Narthex by August 21st. Please note: Covenant Groups are open to visitors as well as members.

Children's Sunday School Needs

Promotion Sunday will be August 14th. Since that is just a few weeks away, I've been busy all week trying to organize our classes and find teachers for each class. There are seven classes and I have teachers for three of those. The four classes that still need teachers are; PreK- 4yrs (4 students), Kindergarten (11 students), 1st grade (11 students) and the 2nd-3rd grade class (10 students). The teachers for these classes would rotate teaching month on and month off. Maybe you can't commit to teaching but you could be on a sub list. That is a need that I have as well. Would you please be in prayer about how you could serve in children's Sunday school? If you have any questions please call me.
Tracie Rakestraw
205-527-4238

Communicant's Class

This class is for rising 4th graders and older, who want to become communing members of the church. The class will teach the privileges and duties of church membership and help students articulate their own personal faith in Jesus Christ. We will study the basic beliefs of our Christian faith, communion, baptism, and church government. Scripture memory work is part of the class. Children take this class before meeting with the Session for communing membership and admission to the Lord's Table. Remaining classes will meet on August 3, 17, & 24 from 5:30-6:30. Classes will be taught by Pastor Ellerbee in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Jonathan Haynes know if you have children who want to take this class.

Nursery Ministry

Our nursery welcomes children 0-3 years of age. Parents need to fill out information on Check-In stickers each week. Volunteers are needed; text Karena to be added to the list. We also have openings for paid nursery staff on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is 18 years old or older and interested in working 2-4 regular shifts per month, please contact Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999

Women's Bible Studies

The Monday Night Bible Study is on a break for a few months, and the Tuesday Morning Bible Study is on a break until September.

Sound Booth Help Needed

Would you be willing to help with the soundboard, projector slides, or live stream production? Contact Roger Tew for more information 256-338-8285 or email westpoint02@hotmail.com. No experience required. Training will be provided.

Bell Ringers Needed

Children 4th Grade and older are invited to sign up for bell ringing duties on the roster in the Bell Tower. Volunteers will ring the bell from 8:55 to 9:00 a.m. on the designated Sunday.

MTW Ukraine Updates

Please continue to pray for the church in Ukraine. Updates on MTW missionaries in Ukraine and members of churches in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine are available at <https://www.mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>

MNA Disaster Response Updates

Future Work Days - Mark your calendars for upcoming work days at the MNA Disaster Response Warehouse, 4063 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, GA 30165 - August 20 & September 17. Work will start at 9 am EDT. Please notify Mike Kennamer (256-899-4966, mkenamer@pcanet.org) if you plan to attend. Workdays are on the Third Saturday of the month.

Mini Track Loader Training - MNA Disaster Response will host mini track loader training at the warehouse in Rome on Saturday, October 29. This training is free of charge and limited to the first eight who apply. Let Jonathan Haynes know and he can send you a link to learn more and to register.

Birthday's This Week

Jul 31.....Callie Bagley
.....Laura Reeder
Aug 1.....Lauren Mahler
.....Martha Durhan
.....Matthew Fox
2.....John Branscomb
.....Judy Skinner
4.....Sara Haynes
6.....Luke Barlow

If we miss your birthday, please email Jonathan Haynes.